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Creation Abraham Exodus Judges United Monarchy
Nation Divided Prophets Exile Second Temple

4 Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Sects: Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Zealots, Christians

Historical Context: The Temple, Roman World

I. Jesus, the Christ

John 14:5-7 (NIV®)

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**" ⁷ If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Matthew 1:16 (NIV®)

¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

Mark 1:1 (KJV)

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

John 1:1-14 (NIV®)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it . . . ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

A. “with Jesus” — not frightened

Luke 13:31-32 (The Message)

Just then some Pharisees came up and said, "Run for your life! Herod's on the hunt. He's out to kill you!" [32] Jesus said, "**Tell that fox that I've no time for him right now.** Today and tomorrow I'm busy clearing out the demons and healing the sick; the third day I'm wrapping things up.

Luke 8:52-55 (NIV®)

Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." [53] They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. [54] **But he took her by the hand** and said, "My child, get up!" [55] Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat.

Review/revelation — God is Almighty

B. “with Jesus” — not worried

Matthew 6:30-34 (NIV®)

³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

worried about: Our health. Our wealth. Our self.

Matthew 16:5-12 (NIV®)

⁵ When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. ⁶ "Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." ⁷ They discussed this among themselves and said, "It is because we didn't bring any bread." ⁸ Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? ⁹ Do you still not understand? Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? ¹⁰ Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? ¹¹ How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." ¹² Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Review/revelation — God our Provider

C. “with Jesus” --- compassion

Luke 7:12-15 (NIV®)

As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out--the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. [13] **When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."** [14] Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" [15] The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Mark 1:40-41 (NIV®)

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." [41] **Filled with compassion**, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "**I am willing**," he said. "**Be clean!**"

Review/revelation — God of compassion

D. “with Jesus” — on assignment

John 8:42 (NIV®)

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. **I have not come on my own; but he sent me.**

Matthew 16:18-19 (NIV®)

¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Review/revelation — we serve God

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